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In re Application of  
James D. Ralph and Stephen TatarApplication Number  
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For FEMORAL RING LOADER

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P. PhilogeneApplicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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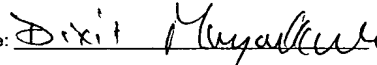
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